

OPPOSE H.B. 5653

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to H.B. 5653 which proposes a tax on firearm ammunition.

- H.B. 5653 will make it hard for citizens already struggling in our economy to own and train properly with their firearms.
- H.B. 5653 would be on par with consideration towards a sin tax, and do nothing to address the root cause of criminal violence.
- H.B. 5653 would penalize responsible gun owners for the actions of criminals. Firearms and ammunition are **ALREADY** subject to an additional 11% federal excise tax on top of the Connecticut sales tax.

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